

I am writing to express my strong belief that absolute protection for licensed radio services must be incorporated into BPL implementations.

As a licensed amateur radio operator (KA9VHG) active in the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) and member (NNN0AGU) of the Navy-Marine Corps Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS), I'm very familiar with the difficulties of maintaining radio communications during periods of natural interference such as thunderstorms and other static-creating events.

To have the potential of constant interference that would make radio communications nearly impossible seems to go against all objectives of emergency communications systems. BPL has that potential, and unfortunately power companies have been less than cooperative in the past when faced with the need to rectify various forms of interference produced by their power transmission grids.

Additionally, normal operation of a licensed amateur radio station can cause significant problems for the consumer using BPL for broadband access to the Internet. The fact that licensed services are not liable for interference to Part 15 devices won't reduce the inevitable conflict between amateur operators and the general public.

I ask that you take these issues into consideration when deciding whether to expand the use of BPL, especially since alternate methods of providing broadband access, e.g. wireless, are just around the corner and promise to be competitive with existing services without the risk of interference to amateur and government HF communications.

Sincerely,

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